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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, the *1st of August 1934.*
17th of Karkadagam 1109.

The House met at half past eleven with C. G. Herbert, Esqr. I. C. S., in the chair. Dr. A. G. Menon, Messrs. A. I. Mani, A. Sankara Menon, Thomas Manjuran and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Statement of appointments—publication of.

61. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the answer to question No. 215 (d), dated 21st February 1934, will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question; and if so,

(b) what steps have been taken to follow a uniform classification and if the answer is in the negative,

(c) why could it not be done?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Heads of Departments have been instructed to follow a uniform classification.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is that classification?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is mainly divided into Hindus, Christians, Muslims, Jews and other classes. Among Hindus it is divided into Brahmins, Nayars, Ezhuvas and a few other subjects. Among Christians it is mainly divided into Catholics, Jacobites and other miscellaneous sects. Among Catholics it is again divided into Syrian and Latinites.

Percentage of literacy among certain Communities—list of.

62. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the percentage of literacy among the following communities in the State;

(1) Nambudiries (2) Muhammedans (3) Roman Catholic Christians (4) Protestant Christians (5) Tamil Brahmins (6)

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Nayars (7) Ezhuvas (8) The Depressed Classes showing the figures for the various sub-divisions sparately;

(b) the number of Graduates, Intermediates and School Finals in each of the above communities with the number of unemployed among each community?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) A statement giving the information is appended. (*Appendix I*).

(b) Statistics are not available.

Appointments made by the present District Magistrate and the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

63. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of appointments made by the present District Magistrate and Registrar of Village Panchayats up-to-date showing separately the number of such appointments caste-war?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement giving the information is appended. (*Appendix II*).

Opening of Maternity and Child-Welfare Centres.

64. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why they have refused an opportunity to the Council to discuss how the lakh of rupees set apart for Child-Welfare, etc., should be used;

(2) whether they have considered the case of people in the more remote rural areas when they sanctioned the building grant for locating the cinema, etc;

(3) whether the places selected for putting the building at present are not growing towns;

(4) whether they have considered their commitments when the scheme was sanctioned;

(5) if so, what will be the recurring expense?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Government have not refused an opportunity to discuss the subject in the Council. (Vide printed proceedings the L. C. 3rd series Vol. VI, part 9, pages 825-829).

(2) No grant was sanctioned for the construction of a building for locating the cinema; sanction was given for the construction of buildings for opening Maternity and Child-Welfare Centres.

(3) The places selected are rural towns that are growing in importance. It was for that very reason that it was decided to open the Centres in those places.

(4) Yes.

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